GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

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Vehicular Emission Norms
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government intends to take action against vehicles and automobile companies who have been perpetual defaulter of the vehicular emission norms;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has moved from a PPP model to EPC model for developing road projects;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the list of projects likely to be taken up under this new EPC model?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI PON. RADHAKRISHNAN)

(a) and (b) Yes, Madam. The Motor Vehicle (Amendment) Bill, 2017 that has been passed by Lok Sabha on 10th April, 2017 and presently in Rajya Sabha for consideration and passing, inter-alia proposes penalties for manufacturer/automobile companies who have been perpetual defaulter of the vehicular emission norms.

(c) to (e) The comparatively lower response to Public-Private Partnership (PPP) mode in the recent past is due to economic reasons, non-availability of equity with the concessionaires and other construction, land acquisition and regulatory clearances related issues. Under such a situation, National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) takes up road projects under Engineering, Procurement, Construction (EPC) mode and Hybrid Annuity Model, when the project is not found viable on PPP under Build-Operate-Transfer (BOT) (Toll) mode. Hybrid Annuity Model is sometimes preferred as it enables achievement of greater length of highway construction as compared to EPC mode due to its lower initial capital investment requirements. Since the mode is decided based on the viability and other analysis of the project, it is not possible to provide such a list of future projects to be undertaken on EPC mode. While, BOT (Toll) mode continues to be the default mode, other modes are chosen when any project is not found viable on BOT (Toll).

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